

COX GAINS FRIENDS ON HIS FIRST TRIP OUTSIDE OF OHIO

Talks Plausibly to Wheeling
Crowd in Which Are
Many Republicans.

HAS AN UPHILL FIGHT.

Vigorous in His Criticism of the
Record and Policy of His
Opponent.

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(Copyright, 1920.)—Gov. Cox's first
effort outside his own State was per-
haps characteristic of his whole cam-
paign—it was uphill. The first audi-
ence—the Democratic State Con-
vention at West Virginia—can be dis-
missed without much comment. The
partisans assembled liked the speech
and the speaker, cheered him and
came away cheered over their ag-
gressive leader. The second audience,
gathered out of doors at night on the
grassy slope that forms a sort of
natural bleachers at the river front,
was made up of Republicans as well as
Democrats.

It was an average crowd. Gov.
Cox's voice carried well. He got
close to his audience and talked a
language they fully understood. It
was a typical "Jimmy" Cox speech,
which means that he told the crowd
they could continue to call him
"Jimmy" if he were elected President
and that they could forget about
the title of President; that he wasn't
fighting Harding personally, whom
he respected and admired, but fight-
ing the record in public life and the
policy that dominated him at Chi-
cago; and that "performance count-
ing" ninety-nine thousand times more
than "promises." This theme enabled
the Governor to define in elementary
terms why he regarded Harding as a
reactionary and himself as a pro-
gressor.

COX TELLS OF FIGHT WITH HARDING ON CONSTITUTION.

The Ohio Governor talked about the
new Constitution in Ohio and how
the poor man used to be denied jus-
tice and how injured workmen were
unable to get compensation through
the courts. He told how Harding
fought the adoption of the new Con-
stitution and how he, Gov. Cox, won
the fight in a referendum by an over-
whelming majority. Then he dis-
cussed his own methods of dealing
with industrial troubles and declared
proudly that he had not cast a single
vote into a labor controversy;
that the State Militia had not fired a
single shot nor pointed a single
bayonet to settle a strike. And when
the Governor asked his audience to
forgive any employer in Ohio if
property had been preserved or if
any employee if the State had done
him violence, or if any Justice of the
Supreme Court if the majority of the
law had been upheld, there were real
cheers.

For they have had their fill of in-
dustrial troubles in the West Virginia
coal fields and even the Democratic
Governor of the State isn't any too
popular with labor. The audience
was far more interested in the Gov-
ernor's discussion of industrial un-
rest than anything else and it is a
safe prediction that he will win more
votes in the bigger cities by talking
about that than the League of Na-
tions with all its complications.

SPEECH CAUSES HIS HEARERS TO START THINKING.

The writer would not say that Gov.
Cox took his audience by storm and
won 99 per cent. or even 75 per cent.
share of converts to his cause. But he
did introduce enough plausibility in
his argument and talked just enough
about things the average crowd
understands to send thousands to be
thinking more concretely about cam-
paign issues. And that is progress,
at least, with an audience that came
with so many well-set prejudices.

For the Governor seems to admit
he is fighting uphill when he tackles
the notion that "this is a Republican
year" contending that while that
view may have prevailed some

months ago, the nomination at Chi-
cago changed things considerably.

It was interesting to listen to
the comment of some of the per-
sons in the crowd after the speech
was ended. It ran something like
this:

"Good talker, anyway."

"Yes, but he's a Democrat."

"Smart man—and he will drive
Harding off the front porch too."

"Harding don't need to get off
the porch—everybody knows what
he stands for."

"It looks to me as if Jimmy Cox
would give us a glass of beer if
he is elected."

"I never thought he had a
chance—but he might have at that
he's a clear talker."

Of course it is too early to analyze
effects. Gov. Cox sprinkled some in-
teresting thoughts on political soil
that is none too fertile. This is a
Republican territory normally. Rum-
ors of Cox's power in Ohio have
overdone the State's boundary and
there was, and is, a natural curiosity
to see and hear the man who has
three times won the Governorship of
a neighboring State. Also have come
rumors of Cox's friendliness to the
"vets."

MUCH PREJUDICE AGAINST WIL- SON IN WEST VIRGINIA.

But against all this must be set
the rather extensive criticism of the

Wilson Administration, which has
been deeply imbedded in West Vir-
ginia. The people do not appear to
be in a judicious mood, receptive to
defenses however logical or justified.

To some extent this is the result
of skillful Republican propaganda.

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sense observation of the people who
do not have to be told that the Pres-
ident held some members of his Cab-
inet in office too long and didn't hold
others long enough. And to some ex-
tent it is the natural impatience for
a change.

Thus far Gov. Cox has not demon-
strated that in electing him instead
of Harding the American people will
get a decided change of Administra-
tion. One suspects that aside from
the League of Nations, which is more
of a controlling issue in the West
than the East, the whole campaign
will be decided on whether James H.
Cox is a sufficient differentiation
from Wilson in the management of
the business of government to war-
rant giving him charge of the tax
and executive departments.

Otherwise the Republican conten-
tion that Harding will be surround-
ed by a group of Cabinet scoundrels
is all that may guide a successful elec-
torate.

SCHOOL FOR O. O. F. WOMEN.

A two-day campaign school for Re-
publican women workers and speakers
of New Jersey will be held at the Hotel
Brunswick, Asbury Park, Sept. 15 and
16. Senator Frelinghuysen and State
Chairman Stokes of New Jersey and
Mrs. Arthur L. Livermore of New York
will be among the speakers.

HUGO IS BELIEVED TO HAVE QUIT RACE

Rumored That Republican Insurgent
Has Yielded to Chairman
Hays's Plea.

ALBANY, Aug. 15.—Francis M.
Hugo, Secretary of State, is con-
sidered out of the race for the Re-
publican nomination for Governor.
Although Mr. Hugo announced upon
his return from the State Conven-
tion that he would open campaign
headquarters and would "fight to a
finish," no indication of the opening
of the fight has been seen.

The time limit for the filing of
primary petitions expires at midnight
to-morrow. Secretary Hugo has so
far made no move and it is a cur-
rent rumor that he has called off his
forces collecting names for the peti-
tion.

Word has reached the capital that
twice during the last week Will Hays,
National Republican Chairman, has
conferred with the Secretary. It is
believed the National Committee
wishing to avoid any friction, has in-
vited Mr. Hugo to withdraw. The
State Committee, it is believed, would
not offer the Secretary anything in the
way of an appointment, but the Har-
ding forces are a different proposition.
Should the victory in the national
campaign be Republican it is almost
assured the Secretary will receive
some Federal position should he retire

gracefully at the present time and
avoid a primary fight.

Republican leaders are not worry-
ing over the candidacy of Senator
George F. Thompson. With Hugo
eliminated they are assured of a clear
field.

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